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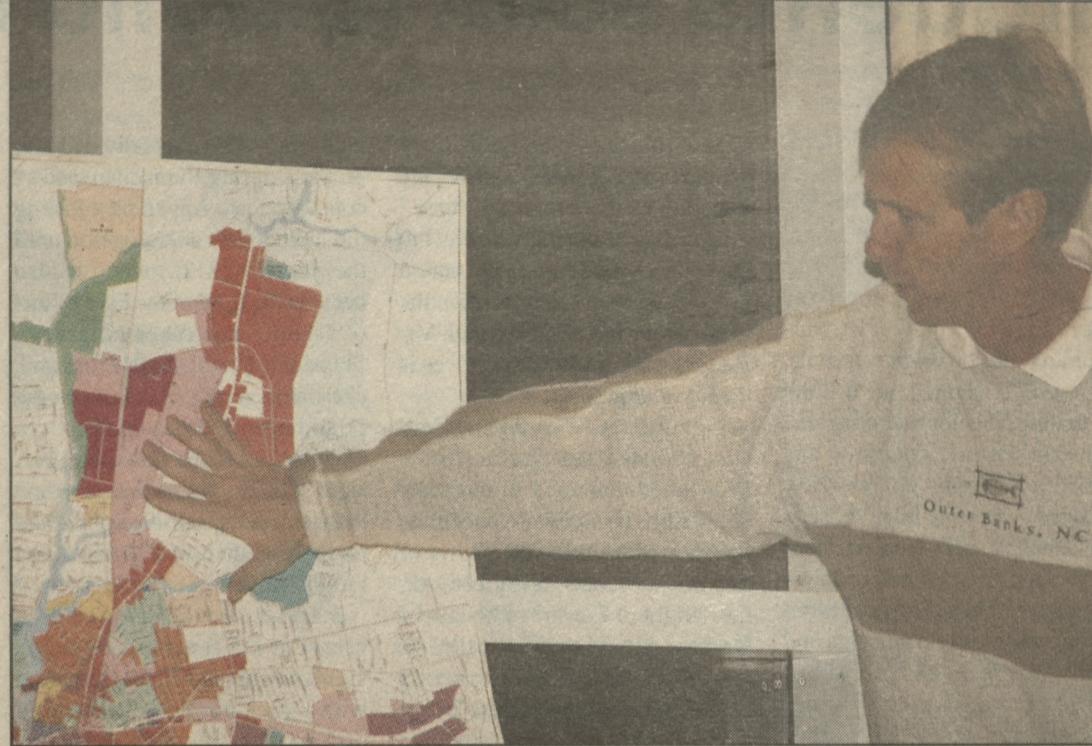
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Salisbury city council president Mike Dunn spoke to students Wednesday about the specifics of the 4 to 2 law and how it will effect them in a meeting held my SGA Vice President of External Affairs Brian Milsted. Photo by Peter Staubs.

Salisbury city council member comes to campus to discuss 4 to 2

By Laura D'Alessandro
Editor in Chief

Salisbury University students met with city and college government officials Wednesday night on campus to discuss changes that the rental housing 4-to-2 law will bring.

"I hope students can have a better understanding of the law that is affecting them and the climate of the situation," said Student Government Association Vice President of External Affairs Brian Milsted.

The 4-to-2 measure was approved in December 2002 and will go into effect in July. Salisbury City Council President Mike Dunn said the law is an effort by the Camden Neighborhood Association and other neighborhood associations that house college students to regain their single-family home atmosphere.

Dunn told students the law does not mention a problem with noise violations and says nothing specifically about stopping parties. The object of the law is not to eliminate the presence of college

students in the neighborhoods, he said.

"A new dorm building has not been added for 20 years," he said. "There are twice the amount of students without any additional housing."

Currently four unrelated residents are permitted to occupy one house; when 4-to-2 is implemented, the law will allow only two. Existing residences occupied by more than two unrelated students will not become exempt, he said.

"I want to try and give the students both sides and get them to work with the community and be better neighbors," said Milsted. "The locals aren't completely out there on their beliefs."

He said Wednesday night's meeting was an effort to combine their ideas so he could relay them to the City Council at a public hearing to review the law on Monday at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

"The City Council isn't doing a thing Monday night except listen to the public," Dunn said.

At Wednesday night's meeting, students expressed concern about

the price of housing rising when only two occupants are permitted. The available campus housing and apartment complexes such as University Park and Marley Manor have rates of about \$500 per month. Some students said they are not willing to pay this, and Dunn said the council shared their concern.

A group of students also said Salisbury's economy will suffer from the law.

Dunn said he was glad to see the students' passion on the subject.

When asked if the law would change, Dunn said the chance was slim.

"I think some of the things they're proposing are good things for all of us," he said. "I think we will all begin to adjust. The will of the council and mayor right now is that 4-to-2 is going to happen."

A copy of the 4-to-2 law and more information about it can be found at www.camdenneighbors.net. The Web site was recently created by Dan Domer, a member of the Camden Neighborhood Association.

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Riall lecture series: Thomas-El teaches hope



By Charles Bloom
Staff Writer

Noted educator Salome Thomas-El spoke to a full Holloway Hall auditorium about having faith in young people as part of the E. Pauline Riall lecture series Wednesday.

"Teachers need to believe in young people so they learn to believe in themselves," said Thomas-El.

Thomas-El himself grew up on the streets of inner city Philadelphia. He credits several of his teachers for giving him the courage and confidence in himself to pursue his education, even though it was not a popular choice among his peers. "The kids in my area regarded me as a sellout because I wanted to become educated, even though I wanted to come back and improve the community," said Thomas-El. And while they tried to convince him that education would not help in terms of getting a job, he remained convinced that education was the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and violence, which was the hallmark of inner city life.

After graduation, Thomas-El was hired as production assistant on NBA Beat, interviewing basketball celebrities such as Michael Jordan, Larry Byrd and Charles Barkley. "Not many people realize that these people appreciate education. They use their money to make sure they send their children to the best schools. Michael Jordan's mother made him go back to college," said

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Muslim students seek to build bridges

By Shane Jacobus
Staff Writer

In order to keep a dialogue going with their classmates and promote cultural diversity, the Muslim Student Association (MSA) is hosting Building Bridges: Islam Awareness Week from November 29 to December 3.

"Our main mission," said Sehmina Chopra, "is to promote communication, tolerance, and understanding about Muslims. And to let people know as far as what they see on TV with regards to Islam is not entirely true. Islam is not about violence, it's about peace."

As of now, the Islamic community is observing Ramadhan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and the holiest of the four holy months. The word itself is derived from the Arabic root *ramida* or *ar-ramad*

meaning scorching heat or dryness, ergo the act of fasting.

Ramadhan begins with the sighting of the crescent moon, which was either October 15 or 16 this year depending upon the observance of various denominations of Islam. Once the new moon is sighted, all healthy and mature Muslims are obligated to abstain not just from food and drink, but from all worldly pleasures – chewing gum, tobacco use, sexual contact – from one hour and twenty minutes before dawn until sunset. They also must avoid obscene and irreligious sights and sounds, and desist all traits of bad character: gossiping, lying, slandering, and all other transgressions.

"If anybody asks what is the purpose of fasting," said Chopra, "it's to teach you self-restraint.

When you're fasting, your body becomes weaker, but your soul and conscience becomes stronger."

The University has given Muslim students who are fasting the option to get a boxed breakfast for the meal before dawn called Sahur. Ms. Betty Gertsh in Dining services is handling requests.

It is believed that Allah (God) first revealed the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad through the angel Jibril (Gabriel) on one of the last ten odd-numbered nights of this month called Laylat ul-Qadr, the "Night of Power" or "Night of Destiny, around the year 610 C.E.

It is said in the Qur'an that praying throughout this one night is better than a thousand months of prayer, although no one knows exactly which night it is.

Muslims are also urged to read the entire text of the Qur'an, which includes 114 chapters divided into 30 parts during Ramadhan, and of course to fast. Apparently, fasting did not become an obligation until the year 624 C.E., when it also became the third of the Five Pillars of Islam. The other pillars are Shahadah (faith), Salah (prayer), charitable giving (Zakah), and the pilgrimage to Mecca (Hajj).

Nina Nassar, President of MSA said, "For me, Ramadhan is a time to fast, develop self-discipline, and to get together with friends and family."

Ramadhan ends when the first crescent of the new moon is sighted, and Muslims celebrate with a three-day period called Eid ul-Fitr, the "Festival of Fast-breaking." In Arabic, Fitr means to break and it signifies not only the breaking of the fasting period but also the breaking of evil habits

while purifying the soul.

The Eid begins with giving of charity called Zakat ul-Fitr followed by a special congregation prayer called Salatul Eid. Muslims hug one another and rejoice at attaining spiritual upliftment after a month of fasting. The event is followed by socializing and festive meals. It also includes distributing gifts or giving monetary gifts especially to children and visiting families and friends, traditions similar to Chanukah and Christmas.

As far as acceptance on campus goes, the Muslim Student Association has no complaints.

"I think the campus community is very tolerant," said Chopra. "I think we're very fortunate we have such a great campus."

Sehmina Chopra contributed to this article.

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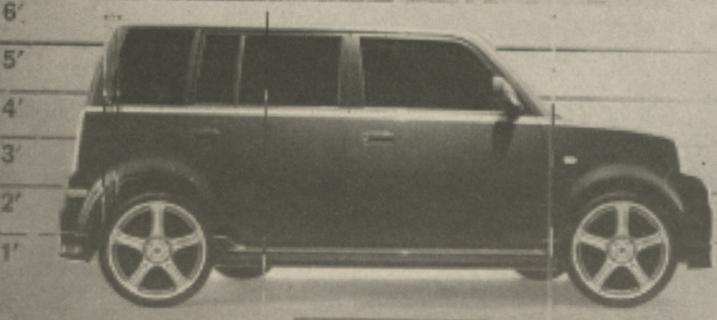


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Salisbury Crime Beat

10/12/04 8:30 PM Theft
Two magnets were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the Caruthers lot.

10/13/04 12:00 PM Hit and Run
A resident of Severn Hall reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked in the Devilbiss lot.

10/14/04 5:49 PM Theft/Vandalism
Someone had removed the stop sign and post from the entrance to Library lot. The property was recovered. A student was found to be in possession of a real estate sign in front of Holloway. The Salisbury Police responded and placed the student under arrest for theft. Administrative action is pending.

10/18/04 1:13 PM Hit & Run
A student reported that she observed a vehicle strike her vehicle while parked in the St. Martin lot. The vehicle as then driven away. It was a small, white pick-up truck, possible a Ford, with a MD tag, first letter J.

10/19/04 5:20 PM Hit & Run
A student reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked in the St. Martin lot.

10/14/04 9:00 PM Theft
Several t-shirts were reported stolen from the Telecommunications office.

10/16/04 1:50 AM Alcohol Violation
An underage student was found to be in possession of several cans of beer while in the Devilbiss lot. A civil citation was issued.

10/21/04 05:05 PM Verbal Dispute
A resident of Severn Hall and a non-student were involved in an argument. The non-student was escorted from the area and to no have further contact with the student. A no-trespass letter will be sent.

GILCHREST TO SPEAK AT SU. Congressman Wayne T Gilchrest will screen the Chesapeake Climate Action Networks new film about global warming and talk about the regional impacts of global warming. The event will take place in Holloway Hall on Tuesday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The film is approximately 45 minutes in length and there will be panel to discuss and answer any questions involving the documentary. The film Sponsored by Congressman Gilchrest, the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, and the Salisbury University College Republicans. Admission is free, and the public is invited. For more information call 410-548-6030 or visit the SU Web site www.salisbury.edu.

DEAN OF FULTON SCHOOL TO HOLD BROWN BAG LUNCH DISCUSSION. Dr. Timothy G. O'Rourke, dean of Salisbury University's Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton School of Liberal Arts will present the talk "Did the Gerrymander Devour Our Congressional Elections?" noon Friday, Oct. 29 in Fulton Hall, Room 130. O'Rourke's presentation is part of SU's Brown Bag Lunch Discussion series. The discussion is free, and the public is invited; light refreshments will be served. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site www.salisbury.edu.

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ICOMICO DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO HOLD FREE SHOWINGS OF FAHRENHEIT 9/11. The Wicomico County Democratic Party will hold free showings of the documentary *Fahrenheit 9/11* on Wednesday Oct. 27, Saturday Oct. 30 and election eve (Nov. 1) at 7 p.m. at the Democratic party headquarters on North Salisbury Blvd. For more information call 410-546-9962.

ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHER TO SPEAK AT SU. Julian Darley, environmental philosopher and director of the Post Carbon Institute will speak at SU on Oct. 27 in Devilbiss Hall, Room 123. Darley's presentation is titled "The Ruthless Guide to Global Oil Peak" and includes information from his recent book *High Noon for Natural Gas-The New Energy Crisis*. The lecture will conclude with both policy and personal strategies to help face a future with much less oil and gas. A question-and-answer session will follow.

Six continuing education units are awarded with attendance. The cost is \$95 and the registration deadline is Oct. 29. For more information call Carol Brady at 410-548-4481 or Jeri Hurley at 410-677-5404.

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OPINION

25.October.2004

Letters to the Editor: Students and faculty speak out against Conservative Corner

Dear Editor,

One tries to refrain, but between the spittle-spewing rantings of Dave Parker and the misguided and misinformed accusations of Laura Gabriszeski, I have no choice but to respond. I and my Kerry-supporting colleagues and friends have been called, in essence, ignoramus for believing that someone who is reasonable, who can change his mind as conditions and information necessitate (acknowledging at the same time that he does, indeed make mistakes—gasp!), and who is willing to talk to other world leaders instead of seeing them only as either disciples to the cause or heretical heathenish enemies might just have a better chance of helping create a world in which we will be

safer than the one we're living in right now.

George Bush is a megalomaniacal true believer in two causes: *his* form of democracy, and *his* form of Christianity. Any thinking person should be terrified that the President of our country has the narrow-minded, bigoted "My Way or the Highway" mindset. We do not live on this earth alone. We don't own it; we don't get to run it. I understand that that is not the way some citizens of the United States would have it, but that is the way it is. And if we as a country are going to survive, we're going to have to recognize the needs, the wishes and the differences of the rest of the world as valid and valuable.

Much of the world's hatred of the United States is directly

attributable to George Bush and his foreign policy that is disrespectful of any country or people not enough "like us." African nations who need our help to fight AIDS and malnutrition cannot count on us because if the clinics and hospitals who ask for aid also perform abortions, then Bush will not allow the money to go there. At the same time, he wants to withhold birth control information if it also includes information about abortions. This attitude of his, that he alone knows the truth, that he alone controls the keys to the kingdom, is what makes the world so dangerous to Americans today. How could anyone not hate us? Much of the goodwill of the past, well-deserved because of our willingness to help our allies, has been squandered.

I want a President who is respected for his intellect, his *true* compassion, his willingness to admit there might be shades of gray. I want a President who can say "I do not believe in abortion but I also do not believe I have the right to decide the issue for others who do not believe as I do." Instead we have a President who says, "I don't believe in abortion and I don't care what you believe. I'm right and you're wrong." Unfortunately, there are far too many other issues on which President Bush has this stand.

Our country may never be truly safe from terrorism. But twisting the first, fourth, fifth, ninth, 10th and 14th amendments to the Constitution in the name of "homeland security" will not make us safer, and it certainly will not make us more free. Reaching out to the rest of the world, accepting others as valuable members of the world community, and respecting the differences, especially in religion, that make this world diverse and wonderful just might be what is required now. I'll put my money on John Kerry, since any improvement would be better than the mess George Bush has brought us to.

Karen Rayne
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Karen Rayne

English Department

Dear Editor,

I feel compelled to respond to Mr. David Parker's comments in the Conservative Corner in the Oct. 11, 2004 issue of *The Flyer*. As a former veteran, late of the 5th Infantry Platoon (Pathfinder) (Airborne), 31st Combat Aviation Group; 445th N(uclear) B(iological) and C(chemical) Reconnaissance Detachment, 11th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and the 450th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), currently attached to the 82nd Airborne Division, I feel I have a modicum of authority to address issues raised by Mr. Parker.

First, let me assure you that "re-enlistments are at an all-time high,

surely due [sic] the military's overwhelming support for Bush's leadership," is, in a word, untrue.

I know firsthand, hearing from former comrades now in Iraq and Afghanistan that in several units, troops are regularly "enticed" to "Re-up" because they're told that they can always be transferred to another unit due to rotate back to those theaters if they don't (hint, hint). Of course, if they re-enlist, they'll probably cycle back to those areas again, as the armed forces are currently stretched to their limits, with all of the 55 active duty battalions either already deployed in forward areas, returning from same, or readying to go thither, but, and this may be lost on those who never served, you do not, repeat, not, want to go into combat in a composite unit, which is akin to grabbing first, second, and third-stringers of any sports team at random, throwing them together without much practice, and telling them to return with a trophy. For a real-world example, read up on the fortunes of Task Force Smith at the outbreak of the Korean War.

Second, the two combat veterans I know (one a combat medic in Vietnam with the 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile) and the other a CH-47 helicopter crew chief there as well,) think that at a minimum, Bush's stunt of landing that S-3 aircraft on that carrier, striding around like some Roman conqueror under the "Mission Accomplished" banner, was in poor taste, or outright hubris. Teddy Roosevelt, himself a combat

veteran, advised "walk softly and carry a big stick," not saunter like a braggart and wave the damned thing around.

As a former soldier, the oath I swore was to "protect and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic," not to any political party or particular president. "Soldiers, marines, seamen and airmen (and I certainly include females in this as well, having been through Airborne and Air-Assault schools with more than a few I'd have no qualms about following into a gunfight) join the Armed Forces for a myriad of reasons, like any large organization.

"I've heard everything from "needing college money" to "Fighting for our country, right or wrong" (oh brother), but I have never, ever heard of a single troop signing up because so-and-so was in the White House.

I'm no fan of Kerry, (or Bush for that matter) but, in all honesty, I'd feel less endangered by a president who actually has had shots fired in anger at him, than one who wants to play "Patton." I'm constantly irritated by sideliners who beat their breasts, and rah-rah for God and Country, who have never donned camouflage nor learned the lesson so achingly illustrated by WWI poet Wilfred Owen:

If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood

Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs... (describing a fellow soldier's being gassed and dying)

My friend, you would not tell with such high zest

To children, ardent for some desperate glory,

The old Lie: Dulce et decorum est Pro patria mori. (It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country)

I will agree with you on one thing, Mr. Parker, "you're going to need combat boots... And don't count on student deferments," no matter who gets into the White House. The Islamic terrorists hate us, all of us, not just Democrats and Republicans. "Remember what Otto von Bismarck said: "You may not be interested in war, but war is interested in you."

Bert Klotz, a non-traditional student

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OPINION

Commentary: Bush supporters have it wrong

By Christopher Weymont
Alumnus

It absolutely baffles my mind that people still believe Bush is a strong leader because he is holding steady by his decision to go to war with Iraq even after no evidence of weapons of mass destruction or direct ties to terrorism have been found. I have been scratching my head continuously trying to figure out why Bush supporters still believe that the war in Iraq is justifiable and still worth lives even after conclusive evidence has established no weapons of mass destruction and/or direct links to Al Qaeda.

Now the administration wants to argue that the world is a safer place because Hussein was removed from power and freedom in Iraq is spreading. I think that more terrorists were created with the Iraqi war than killed. I know many Kerry supporters would agree with me with my latter comment; however, Bush supporters would not. Why? What is going through their heads and why are they coming to different perspectives than of my own and Kerry supporters?

Bush and his administration are still insisting that Iraq was a part of a worldwide terrorism network. I had total faith in the Bush administration before the start of the war. I do not believe Bush lied to us because of the evidence available now; I feel as if Bush rushed and misled our armed forces into a war with no foreseeable end.

The Program for International Policy Attitudes (PIPA) conducted research on why Bush supporters are able to line up behind Bush into his continuing stances on why we are at war with Iraq.

What is simply and completely aggravating are those who argue that we deserve to be Iraq even after no evidence of weapons of mass destruction or direct ties to terrorism have been found. I have been scratching my head continuously trying to figure out why Bush supporters still believe that the war in Iraq is justifiable and still worth lives even after conclusive evidence has established no weapons of mass destruction and/or direct links to Al Qaeda.

Even after the final report of Charles Duelfer (U.S. led investigator in to Iraq's WMD program) to Congress saying that Iraq did not have a significant WMD program, 72 percent of Bush supporters continue to believe that Iraq had actual WMD

-Forty-seven percent believe that Iraq had or was developing a major WMDs program.

-Fifty-six percent assume that most experts believe Iraq had actual WMD and 57 percent also assume, incorrectly, that Duelfer concluded Iraq had at least a major WMD program.

-Seventy-five percent of Bush supporters continue to believe that Iraq was providing substantial support to al Qaeda, and 63 percent believe that clear evidence of this support has been found.

-Asked whether the US

should have gone to war with Iraq if US intelligence had concluded that Iraq was not making WMD or providing support to al Qaeda, 58 percent of Bush supporters said the US should not have, and 61 percent assume that in this case the President would not have.

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Steven Kull, director of PIPA, comments, "One of the reasons that Bush supporters have these beliefs is that they perceive the Bush administration confirming them. Interestingly, this is one point on which Bush and Kerry supporters agree."

-Eighty-two percent of Bush supporters perceive the Bush administration as saying that Iraq had WMD.

-Seventy-five percent say that the Bush administration is saying Iraq was providing substantial support to al Qaeda.

The research offered in this case study is one of the primers in which heats the debates between Bush and Kerry supporters. I finally am able to view the problem with some sort of clear explanation with why Bush supporters are so grounded in such a narrow-minded and arrogant commander-in-chief.

Bottom line is that the study finds that many of the Bush supporters have the Iraqi war facts wrong and/or are ignoring realities of the world. Please, at your discretion take a look at the facts and the completed research at PIPA's website: http://www.pipa.org/OnlineReports/Pres_Election_04/html/new_10_21_04.html#1

Letter to the Editor: Community member questions command of Commander in Chief

Dear Editor,

leadership and react as a strong and intelligent Commander in Chief?

Just a few short weeks before 9/11 his August 6, 2001 "Daily Brief" for the president stated: "FBI information indicates patterns of suspicious activity in this country consistent with preparations for hijackings or other types of attacks, including recent surveillance of federal buildings in New York."

The title of this presidential brief was "Bin Laden determined to strike in the US". Despite this information and the fact that the TV pictures Bush saw, while waiting to enter the classroom, clearly showed the tower in flames with possibly hundreds of people trapped on the upper floors, the school principal informed him the North Tower was hit.

Bush also stated in an interview, "I was sitting outside the classroom waiting to go in, and I saw an airplane hit the tower — the TV was obviously on." So what did he do? Did Bush show

at the time shows Bush with a perplexed and dumbfounded expression on his face apparently not knowing what to do. The video shows that "Commander in Chief" Bush then decided to open his copy of "My Pet Goat" and read along with the children as both towers burned. Bush continued to set in the classroom, doing nothing, as minute after minute slowly went by until the end of his photo op.

The Pentagon was the next target and the President needed to give the Air Force authorization to shoot down the hijacked airliners. But, even though the country desperately needed him, the video shows Bush could not decide to get up, leave the classroom, and do his job as Commander in Chief. On the morning of 9/11, as the most deadly attack on the American homeland was actually occurring, no one was in charge and no one took charge, as the hijacked planes were flying to their targets. The

Commander in Chief was too busy with his photo op and reading "My Pet Goat".

In a nuclear-armed world, a missile launched by another country could reach New York or Baltimore in 20 minutes or less, and engulf the whole city in a mushroom cloud of death. The Commander in Chief has to be able to make split second and correct decisions in the event of an accidental or intentional launch of a nuclear weapon. Stop and think carefully - can your family trust Bush to make the correct "nuclear war decision", now that you know, that he decided to read "My Pet Goat" while the Trade Towers burned on 9/11?

George Benton
Concerned Community Member

Conservative Corner

Kerry has a 20-year Senate record which demonstrates what he really believes, and his record clearly shows that he is a dedicated liberal. He consistently voted to raise taxes, and he zealously voted to trim both the military and intelligence agencies. He introduced virtually no legislation, and his most infamous proposal was his amendment to cut billions of dollars from the intelligence budgets. His antiwar and anti-military efforts prior to becoming a Senator are also consistent with his Senate record. No matter what he says, his RECORD reflects his actual beliefs - antiwar, anti-military, anti-intelligence and pro-tax-increases. He's arguably the most liberal Senator.

Bush also has a record as President, and in spite of his liberal spending on education and health care, this record shows that his views on the war, on the military and on intelligence are radically different from Kerry's. The military embraces him as an outstanding Commander-in-Chief. Clearly Bush's and Kerry's records point out their differences, no matter how forcefully people argue in an attempt to portray Kerry as an effective military leader. Kerry's incredibly brief military service is roundly disparaged by nearly all of the men who served with (and above) him in Vietnam. There's also that little matter of Kerry's accusing every man who served in Vietnam of being a war criminal. But that merely confirms his antiwar and anti-military status, so what's the problem - unless he needs to deny his own beliefs in order to be elected?

Surely the cores of Kerry's supporters are the end-the-war types (such as the Peace Alliance of the Lower Shore) who want the US to spend far fewer tax dollars on military and war expenses. All they have to do is ignore what Kerry is saying, and then they can convince themselves that his words merely reflect political reality. After all, doesn't he have to pander to voters in order to win? Doesn't that mean he has to act pro-military, even though he is not? Unfortunately there just aren't many voters in the antiwar group of Kerry supporters, so more supporters are needed.

Dave Parker
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Commentary: 'I don't understand'

By Charles Bloom
Staff Writer

I don't understand this election. As far as I know, there should be a bipartisan and unanimous effort to remove a proven incompetent and deceitful "president" from office. He is factually not a conservative, and he is not a Republican. He is not a Christian and he is not a businessman. He is not a president. I don't understand who is voting for this man.

I have never been political in my life prior to this election. I didn't believe that the president had much of an impact on my life. Previously, in fact, he probably hadn't. It wasn't until my scholarship was discontinued and the University raised tuition shortly after the tax cut that I became interested in politics. The government plainly needed more money. It wasn't hard to put two and two together. I then spent approximately 9 months looking for a job.

Since that time I have probably read hundreds of articles, written by authors on both sides of political spectrum, trying to figure out what the hell is going on.

In spite of these tax cuts, the Bush administration has seen the largest net job loss in 70 years. Furthermore, a report in Maxim this month shows excessive, big government pork barrel spending remains as high as ever. Recent economic indexes show Google.com to be the sole company to post significant gains this quarter. Google was a large contributor to the Kerry campaign, and one can hardly imagine them refusing to look out for their own best interests.

You must wonder why this is such a polarized election. Usually in an election, each side says "your candidate sucks and mine is better," or something to that effect. This election is about something else. Those who are against Bush are not ignorant. They don't just disagree with his policies, they are downright terrified of him. Remaining in office logic suggests there must be a reason.

Now, allow me to back up my assertions. Bush is not a conservative in terms of traditions and values. His attempt to force a constitutional amendment outlawing gay marriage demonstrates his desire to erode states rights in favor of what can only be described as a religious agenda. In an article in Esquire, Ron Reagan, Ronald Reagan's son, accuses Bush of

Bush has practiced terribly poor fiscal policy. In a Reuters article

from August of 2004, 10 Nobel Prize winning economists came out in support of Kerry, saying the Bush administration had "embarked on a reckless and extreme course that endangers the long-term economic health of our nation."

Under Bush, the National Debt has increased to record numbers, a result of loans taken out by the nation to cover our mounting costs including the war in Iraq. We, our Nation, pays interest on the Debt amounting to millions of dollars every day. Yet Bush managed to accrue this debt by squandering an unprecedented 236 billion dollar surplus in ill-advised tax cuts. A member of Cecil Adams (whose "Straight Dope" column is dedicated to dispelling myths and answering unusual questions) staff describes the National Debt as "future taxes," money that we are receiving right now with full knowledge that we will someday need to pay off with increased taxes or we will be unable to afford the interest.

Unfortunately, too few have caught on. Bruce Bartlett, an advisor and official under the administration of Reagan and Bush senior believes "if Bush wins, there will be a civil war in the Republican party starting on Nov. 3rd," as the majority of the party seek to wrest power from the radical right.

Evidence is already mounting to show that Bush is attempting to radically alter our nation to do away with the delicate balance of church and state which has been a cornerstone of our democracy. In addition to "his" stance on abortion and gay marriage, we see the increase of so-called "faith based initiatives," allowing religious institutions to proselytize as part of basic charity and social service formerly engaged in by the government. The original head of the program left, feeling the program was not "compassionate conservatism," but a giveaway to the Christian right. You cannot operate a nation of diverse people of different backgrounds by playing favorites to religion. He

referred to the war in Iraq on several occasions as a "crusade."

Yet I assert that George W. is not a Christian. When I believe someone is devoutly religious, I look for a humbleness and charity of spirit, both of which Bush is clearly lacking. He claims to have been "born again," but the only evidence of this is his own assertion and his constant references to God. His actions betray no such belief. Evidence is mounting that the connection between Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden was largely fabricated, and that the administration knew. Interviews and transcripts suggest that the administration had decided near its inception to go to war with Iraq and had been seeking an excuse ever since, showing an acute disregard for human life.

Furthermore, the number of abortions under Bush has increased dramatically, which can be directly attributed to his disregard for the poverty and ignorance which contribute to social ills. He has admitted to being unable to fund "No Child Left Behind," and is attempting to cut or do away with numerous charitable social aid programs. Jim Wallis, an inner city pastor who supported Bush during the first election and who was paraphrased in Bush's stance on poverty, refused to have the responsibility handed to him through so-called faith based initiatives. "Mr. President, if we don't devote our energy, our focus and our time on also overcoming global poverty and desperation, we will lose not only the war on poverty, but we'll lose the war on terrorism," said Wallis. Though Bush was previously enthusiastic about meeting with Wallis, they never spoke again.

Getting Bush out of office is an uphill battle that will take all of us, working together, to have a chance. This isn't even a tiny fraction of the reason to not vote Bush. Any questions or desire for references can be directed to cb38647@salisbury.edu.

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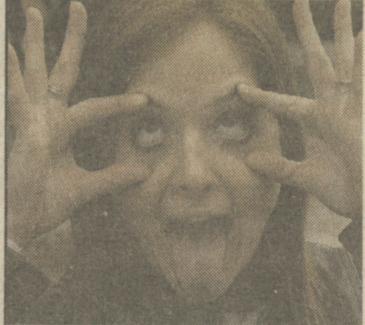
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These ghouls and guys look pretty scary. Can you recognize them? Try and match the names to the faces and see the answers in next week's issue!

1) Matthew Butler	7) Breton Grant
2) Jessica Angeleri	8) Rachel Knapstein
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4) Aisling Elgesem	10) Joe Malanowski
5) Randy Utz	
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By: Lindsey Richman and Peter Staubs

Real Campus Heroes Vol. 2 Pt. 8 Ms. Educational Diplomat Girl

By: John A. Heath
Features Editor

Today we salute you, Ms. Educational Diplomat Girl, as you are the eloquent elistist with stalwart classroom strategy serving unendingly as the antithesis to the lazy average college student. With teacher-flattering pizzazz and pinpoint professionalism, your existence on our maroon and gold campus serves one purpose – to have the best damned GPA. Your diplomatic skills when it comes to achieving a much desired grade are without equal.

In your capitalist mind, success means nothing less than rising above the proletarian punks that surround you and overcoming any insipidly dull lectures, which challenge even you to stay awake. You keep a ready stock of caffeine pills in your purse in order to conquer the most boring professor's lectures, and you make sure to digitally record every morsel of information spewed forth from doctoral mouths. Of course, you are a savant when it comes to short-hand writing as well, just so you could have a paper back-up of all lecture notes.

You habitually overextend yourself, thinking you can pull off three exams in one day while finishing up a thesis on windpipe illnesses brought on by excessive

intake of orange juice pulp. Overextension stresses only the weak minded, and you are not one such individual. You routinely manage to juggle several bundles of obligations and complete all with a flawless success rate.

A deft negotiator of extensions, you are without par when it comes to time management. In order to achieve much desired perfection in your work, you openly embrace extended deadlines. You vigilantly win favor among your professors and continually score the highest marks in every class while other students have enough trouble correctly signing their names on exams.

As an unending high-IQ abscess of the student populace, your constant interjections within the classroom are an interminable annoyance to all students. But we do not judge you, nay, for you are the icon of truth. This simple fact is evidenced in every class where you flex your self-proclaimed title of "fact checker" to any misinformed person, student and professor alike. "Professor Dingleberry, I think you may have meant to say that the inverse of 1 is actually 1 over 1, which is really 1! And according to factcheck.com, actually, I believe the President was misquoted when he said 'I am a

potato,'" you would exclaim to a misinformed classroom public.

Even though your fact-checking cranium remains an invariable threat to students, impeccable homework reminders, which you suggest to professors, prove to be even more infuriating. But you should not be chastised, for how would we ever get anything done

in class, if not for your kindly intentioned prompts. "Dr. Bobaganoush, don't we have any reading or reports to do over Thanksgiving break?" you would query, eagerly awaiting a praiseful response. This suggestion would be received by scowls and scorn from fellow students, as one might even attempt to correct your

unfashionable views with a pencil tossed at your skull.

So, why not celebrate your endless success in the classroom by imbibing the best of fine French wine, Ms. Educational Diplomat Girl, because with your high class GPA, you are deserving of nothing less.



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FEATURES

Small-town radio hits the big time

By: Constance Mensh
Special to the Flyer

This fall is an exciting one for WSUR, with the recent trip to College Music Journal's annual Music Marathon and Conference held in New York City, not to mention the preparations for going FM in the spring. These small town kids have big-time aspirations for Salisbury University's student-run radio station.

Last week, six members of WSUR's management attended CMJ 2004, four-day music marathon headlined by some of the most influential and up-and-coming bands in the industry. This year's festival featured the likes of Coheed and Cambria, Sonic Youth, Jimmy Eat World, Saves The Day, Talib Kweli, The Bouncing Souls, Saul Williams, Aesop Rock, RJD2, Sparta and The Faint, among close to a thousand other lesser-known indie acts.

WSUR plans to attend the event in future years, but for now the focus for the station is on changing formats from cable FM to low-power FM. The switch is slated for this upcoming spring semester, as soon construction of the tower is completed, and the new systems and equipment installed. This means big changes for the station and its members.

The students in attendance felt the intensity of both the musical experience and the wealth of information presented at the event, in the form of speakers, discussion panels and artist showcases.

"It was a really amazing experience that certainly topped last year's conference. I saw a lot of amazing performers including Saul Williams and TV on the Radio, which alone would have been enough but what really made the trip worthwhile were the panels where things like the current state

people who are going to take it seriously and students who want to go into radio as a career."

WSUR is currently holding meetings for people interested in getting involved with the station this fall and for the future. Anyone who wants a show is encouraged to stop by the station, located upstairs in the Guerrei University Center, and fill out an application.

Unfortunately for those familiar



All photos by Constance Mensh.

Hunan Palace serves up tasty, affordable Chinese

By: Contessa Crisostomo
Staff Writer

It is halfway through the semester and students' take-out menu collection has greatly increased in the past two months. From the menus that get stuck in mailboxes, to the menus that get stuck on doors, students are given a variety of restaurants to choose from on nights when the Commons just doesn't fit their tastes. One Fruitland restaurant holds promise to thwart the everyday monotony of college cuisine.

Alongside pizza deliveries, Chinese food is among the most delivered food on campus. One overlooked Chinese restaurant is Hunan Palace. Located next to Cherokee Lanes and across from Wal-Mart on Route 13 in Fruitland, Hunan Palace offers Hu Nan style

Chinese food as well as an extensive sushi bar. If one chooses to dine in, the atmosphere is great for anyone. If dining with family or a group of friends, there is one side of the restaurant with just tables. On the other side of the restaurant, there is a bar with TVs and a pool table.

If looking for delivery, Hunan Palace is fast, clocking in at 18 minutes on a Thursday night. Not only were they fast, but the food was hot and fresh. "They give you plastic and re-sealable plates as opposed to regular foam plates," said junior Emily Reeks.

Meals come in generous portions and when delivered, the entrees are accompanied by fried rice instead of steamed rice, which customers found unexpected, but good.

"The curry chicken was spicy, but

had too many onions," said Reeks. "Usually I don't eat onions, but these were good."

Customers were surprised to find that the entrees marked as spicy actually were spicy, as opposed to other restaurants. The General Tso's chicken was a favorite around the table. The crispy chicken covered in spicy, tangy sauce was served with broccoli and a decorative slice of orange.

"The Amazing Chicken was amazing!" said sophomore Kevin Banks. The dish, which contains red peppers, Chinese vegetable snow peas, bamboo shoots and mushrooms in garlic sauce, whose name dares customers to prove its legitimacy, triumphed among taste testers.

Other favorites include the lo mein (served with a choice of



Photo by Contessa Crisostomo.

chicken, beef, shrimp, pork or vegetables), sesame chicken and the house whole fish.

Prices are affordable ranging from \$7.25 to \$13.95 for entrees.

SU Ninja offers self-defense class

By: Caroline Watson
Staff Writer

It is likely that most people, especially women, do not tend to think of self-defense as a necessary skill to learn. Perhaps some rationalize that they do not put themselves in dangerous situations or if they were to be attacked, a swift kick to the groin would do the trick and bring an attacker to the ground. To help better prepare women, who are the main target for rapes and attacks, Mark 'The Ninja' Doran, will be teaching a self-defense class to the Delta Gamma sorority on Nov. 1 at 9 p.m. in Maggs' gymnasium.

Doran offers his martial arts experience to those interested in

defending themselves against rapists. A black belt in Shaolin Kung Fu, skilled in Akido, and currently studying Jeet Kune Do, which Doran describes as the fighting style of Bruce Lee, Doran has a significant knowledge of self-defense.

Doran first became interested in street fighting when he took a class in Pancration, a bare-knuckle martial arts, at the age of 19. Even though Doran's experience may make Doran appear to be a tough guy, he explains that he's not out trying to pick fights.

"I am always smiling and I don't like to fight unless it is necessary to protect myself or someone else who is in danger," said Doran.

Through combining Shaolin, Akido and Jeet Kune Do, Doran has created his own unique style of street fighting which he describes as a system that works for both men and women. He has found his comprehensive style to be very successful and he is still working on formulating this system. Thus far, he has taught 15 people individually and one anti-rape class from ZTA last year.

"I think the class is very worthwhile; I learned a lot of techniques I didn't know existed," said Katie DiBelo, who attended the class last year. According to DiBelo, Doran should lead on-campus classes every so often that are open to the public. She says that it is hard to remember everything and it would be nice to have refresher classes.

According to www.safetyforwomen.com, 78 rapes occur in America every hour and 25 percent of these rapes occur in public or a garage area.

It is also important for women, and men for that matter, to be aware of Salisbury's crime statistics. According to the Relocation Crime Lab, there are 118 rapes per 100,000 residents of the Salisbury area. This is more than four times the amount of rapes that occur in Brooklyn, N.Y. and 258 points

higher than the national average crime rate.

It is unfortunate that some women do not feel the need to have some training in self-defense.

Doran says that he knows of women that have been raped as well as attacked. One of these victims was at a party when a man started being forceful with her. Luckily she took Doran's class and remembered a pressure point technique that strikes a nerve in the ribs and the attacker quickly fell to the ground.

"I want to help as many people as I can to be prepared to stand up for themselves and protect their life, and loved ones," said Doran.



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Red Crooked Sky Descends, Dances on SU Stage

By: Abby Smith
Staff Writer

SU students and Salisbury community members alike poured into Holloway Hall Auditorium Thursday night as drumbeats filled the air and dancers took their place on stage. Attendance at the Red Crooked Sky Native American dance concert was standing room only.

Based in southeastern Virginia, the Red Crooked Sky dance troupe travels the country to share the history and rituals of the Native American people through dance. Although it is a multi-generational dance group comprised strictly of American Indians, Red Crooked Sky has a diverse membership of American Indians representing numerous tribes, including Cherokee, Lakota, Seneca, Pamunkey and Meherrin, each with their own unique history.

The performance at SU featured many different styles of Native American dance, all of which symbolized different facets of their culture and life. All dances are

performed in a circle to represent the circle of life, and traditional costumes are worn for further symbolism. For instance, the Men's Northern Traditional dance is a warrior's dance and is performed by veteran members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Dancers are generally adorned with a sash of eagle feathers, which is considered sacred.

Reaction to Red Crooked Sky's performance was overwhelmingly positive.

"I think the impact is going to be huge," said SU student Jess Grabau of the presentation. "Being exposed to such beauty and regalia is eye-opening and breath-taking," she said.

Grabau, who is also a member of the Salisbury University Dance Company, noted that dance is a universal language. "You can see the same pieces of movements expressed so differently... it's incredible," she said.

For other attendees, this was their first exposure to live,

authentic Native American dancing and culture.

"I've only seen Native [American] dancing in movies, really," said SU student Kelly Pessagno, who had been eager to attend the show.

Community members comprised a great deal of the audience, as well. Parents brought their children, some as young as two years old, to behold the customs of another culture.

Red Crooked Sky's performance is approximately the halfway mark of Salisbury University's semester of celebration of Native American peoples. The cultural events of the fall 2004 semester are dedicated to exploring the vibrantly rich heritage and culture of Native American Indians. Previous events included poetry readings, musical recitals and film screenings, all featuring Native American artists.

Among the events slated for the last half of the semester are lectures, art exhibits and musical performances.

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Kat's Rant of the Week

By: Kat Hess
Photo Editor

I rarely watch MTV, but occasionally at 3 o'clock in the morning it actually plays music videos, so I'll keep it on in the background. However, when I look over and actually give my full attention to what is playing, I am perplexed.

I'm convinced that music video directors ignore the lyrics in a song and just make a video doing whatever they want. Other times, I think they have no idea what the artist is talking about, and the artist never explains. Shouldn't music videos work hand in hand with the

lyrics or with the theme of the song?

I find myself getting confused from three and a half minutes of footage since the song clearly had such a great theme that a cool music video could have been made. I also do not dig the "concert" videos—I feel like I'm getting cheated out of something that could have been artistic, or possibly really cool. Creating a matching visual concept to a fantastic song is the only thing that really makes sense in my book. Most music video directors seem to have a different idea.

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THE ARTS

"Desperate Housewives" Brings Sex to the Suburbs

By Justin Hennaut
Staff Writer

Following in the footsteps of shows like *The Golden Girls* and *Sex in the City*, ABC's *Desperate Housewives* has shown us that there is more to being a housewife than soccer games and PTA meetings. *What Sex in the City* did for young single women in a big city, *Desperate Housewives* does for domestic divas in the suburbs.

There is the promiscuous Gabrielle, who is married to money and sleeping with the hottest young stud around.

Susan is the single mom with the hot body and the sex-starved mind. She's after her new neighbor Mike, who is the resident hottie. In two desperate acts to get his attention, Susan has burned down a house and run through the streets naked (and you thought all single moms did was change diapers).

Finally there is the narrator, the late Mary Alice Young. She was another woman of Wisteria Lane until she killed herself. Why did she do it? Nobody knows, but there was a note.

The secret lives of these women

get better by the minute. There is sex, drama, fights, fires and nudity all wrapped up in homes with white picket fences. Will Gabrielle get



caught cheating? Will Bree be a divorcee? Will Susan finally get Mike? And the biggest question of all: why did Mary Alice kill

herself? Ask her husband... or keep watching the show.

Desperate Housewives airs Sundays at 9 p.m. on ABC.

Weekend Top Box Office Ratings

Rank	Title	Weekend	Gross
1.	Grudge, The	\$40M	\$40M
2.	Shark Tale	\$14.3M	\$137M
3.	Shall We Dance?	\$8.61M	\$4.4M
4.	Friday Night Lights	\$7M	\$47.3M
5.	Team America	\$6.6M	\$22.3M

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"The Grudge" Deemed Relentless, Gripping

By: Kat Hess
Photo Editor

Lately there has been a surge of remade horror films being released, with everything from "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" to the "The Ring." Much like "The Ring," "The Grudge" was a Japanese film remade for American audiences. However, the director for this version, Takashi Shimizu, also created the original, and as a result keeps his vision intact for the new movie. And what a strange one it is. The film is based on a myth that when someone is killed in extreme rage or sorrow, they will become a curse. The curse will gather up in the location of the murder and take out its rage on anyone it comes into contact with, no matter where the innocent victim goes afterwards. Flipping back and forth through time, the movie follows a handful of people—ranging from Bill Pullman ("Igby Goes Down,"

"Brokedown Palace") to Sarah Michelle Gellar ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer")—who enter and exit a house in which such a curse exists.

"The Grudge" definitely excels in one area—successfully scaring its audience. I have never heard more screams, shrieks and gasps around me during a movie. The scare tactics employed rely heavily on something jumping out, or some gross contortion of a human's face. Music is also occasionally used. A sound similar to screeching breaks came up often, as well as a frog-like croak and a simple cat's meow.

The use of everyday sounds switched into something horrifying was rather brilliant; those sounds will remind an audience member of the movie, even days or months after seeing it. The special effects go hand-in-hand with the scare factor, as well as well trained actors who nailed jerky movements down to a science.



person you suckered into seeing the movie with you.

Along with relying on fear to allow audiences to ignore a weak plot, it hopes you'll also ignore the weak script, and stiff acting. With horror it is easy to ignore such things, but why should anyone have to settle for less? "The Shining" and "The Sixth Sense" are

both examples of completely creepy movies whose scripts were up to par with any drama, yet managed to instill fear at the same time. For a quick and easy way to scare yourself silly, this film is highly recommended, but if you want a side of substance to go along with it, stay home and rent.

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Field Hockey Continues Domination

By Jamie Estep
Staff Writer

Riding a school record tying 26-game winning streak, the No. 1 field hockey team hosted Mary Washington Saturday looking to extend their unbeaten streak and advance to the CAC tournament as the number one ranked team in the conference. After a dominating performance, Salisbury came out victorious, winning 3-1. With this, the team set a new school record with 27 straight wins and at the same time secured their number one ranking in the CAC as well as in the country.

This victory over Mary

Washington was one of total domination as the Lady Gulls outshot the Eagles 14-2 in the first half. Of all those 14 shots, only one found the back of the cage, when Megan Powell assisted Tracey Lloyd, scoring with 9:03 left in the half.

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Washington added two more

Sea Gull Sports Beat

By Kevin Froehlich
Sports Editor

MEN'S SOCCER

The No. 3 men's soccer team brought their unbeaten streak to 15 this week after winning two big road games.

On Wednesday the Gulls (13-0-2) defeated Christopher Newport 3-1. Christopher Mills scored twice, his first goal coming early in the first half. Newport tied it midway through the half but Salisbury's Tim Lane was able to shoot one in the net with less than a minute left in the half to put the Gulls up 2-1. Mills added his second goal of the game in the second half to secure the victory.

Salisbury is on the road Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. against Marymount before heading to Catholic on Thursday for a make-up game. They then start CAC conference tourney play on Sunday.

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Where Has the NHL Gone?

By Kevin Froehlich
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Okay, 2004 fall sports lineup roll call, say here or present when I call your name. MLB Playoffs? Thanks, but we don't need you anymore New York. Worst...choke-job...ever. NFL? Jamal, you only need to raise one hand - oh, that's right, they're handcuffed together. NBA? Ben, is Earl Boykins caught in your 'fro again? Unbelievable. NHL? Uh, NHL? Anybody? Bulin? Bulin? Nikolai Khabibulin of the Tampa Bay Lightning? Wait a minute, what's that Pedro's little friend? They've left and may never come back? Really? Well, I didn't even notice.

For most of you sports fans out there, this is probably the same attitude you have right now. As I write this, the NHL's been on strike for 38 days 12 hours 15 minutes 52 seconds. Football's in full swing and the baseball playoffs have been so amazing that you haven't even noticed hockey's absence. And who's to blame you? You're probably just waiting for the postseason to arrive, anyway.

That's the thing, though, there's not going to be any puck-happy madness next April though June. The strike started in September, the season was supposed to begin on October 13, and yet the two negotiating parties haven't even met to discuss a new collective bargaining agreement.

Now, I'm with the majority when I say I don't pay attention to the NHL until February or March. Still,

I'd like to see my Boston Bruins somehow lose a 3-1 first round series lead like they always do. (And by the way, what do they put in the water up there? The only successful Boston team is the Patriots, and they play in Foxboro!)

More than 200 players have already signed contracts with European teams rather than watch their bank accounts take worse hits than a Tie Domi crosscheck. Fifty-three have gone to the Czech

Republic, the most of any country, and one is actually playing in Belarus. Of all the beautiful countries in Europe, this guy picks Belarus? What, was he on ether when he made that decision?

The sad thing is, even if there was going to be a season, ESPN had delegated all hockey games to ESPN2. You know what they show on ESPN2? The MLS. MLS players don't even know they're on TV, okay. So few people are interested in soccer that their stadiums are filled to Montreal Expos home-game capacity. In fact, you could place a MLS game in Olympic Stadium today, and I guarantee you the 3,000 fans who show up would think it's an Expos game because of how bad and boring it is.

So is that what the NHL has succumbed to? ESPN2? Sure, because nobody cares anymore. There are too many teams and too few stars. Right now there are 30 teams and Commissioner Gary Bettman has said that the league will not contract any of them. I can name 11 that deserve to be contracted immediately, whether it's because there's never been a history of hockey in that town or it never snows there: Atlanta, Carolina, Florida, Dallas, Nashville, San Jose, Anaheim, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Columbus and Tampa Bay. I know, they won last year's Stanley Cup, but seriously, Tampa needs hockey like Michael Jackson needs more "sleepover" parties.

Plus, three teams, Ottawa, Buffalo and Pittsburgh all filed for bankruptcy at least once in the past two years.

The league's fan base now is approximately zero. What Bettman needs to do is contract about 10 teams and cut the season from 82 to 70 games. And he better start winning the fans back quickly, because if not, then when the NHL does eventually return, a MLS game will look a lot more appealing.

World Series Should Be One For the Ages

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October is winding down and that means only one thing* the World Series. After two amazing league championships that both went the maximum of seven games, we all have the privilege of watching two great teams in the Boston Red Sox and the St. Louis Cardinals, two of the most historic teams in baseball history.

*The Red Sox pulled off the most amazing comeback of all time in not just baseball, but in sports and the Yankees, well they may be the new definition of the word "choke" after their poor performance as the series wound down. Boston fans believe the curse is finally over, while St. Louis fans are happy just to see their team back in the Series. Fenway Park will be erupting as the series begins in Boston.

Expect a ton of runs to be scored in the World Series and possibly another seven-game series as both teams have tired pitching staffs along with monster bats on both sides. Both teams MVP's in David Ortiz of the Sox and Albert Pujols of the Cards will have to come up with some clutch hits like they did in the league championships, but like we saw in past games, underrated players like Jim Edmonds and Johnny Damon can come up huge when needed.

Although both pitching staffs are tired, they do have at least a small time to rest up. Boston showed in the ALCS that they might not even need that, as the well-deserved knuckleballer Tim Wakefield will begin the series for the Sox and the impressive Woody Williams for the Cardinals. Their bullpen, especially closer Keith Foulke, can shutdown

some of the best hitters in the game with no problem.

For the Cardinals it's a different story, as they don't have the big names like Curt Schilling and Pedro Martinez, and their closer Jason Isringhausen has struggled at times. However, the one thing the Cardinals do have to back that up is their amazing defense with gold-glovers like Edmonds, Edgar Renteria and Scott Rolen. This series is most likely going to be determined by the pitching staff that comes up the strongest and also the one that comes through in the clutch moments.

Both teams are loaded with powerful bats, as both were the best hitting teams in their respected leagues. Boston has studs in Manny Ramirez, Ortiz a.k.a. "Papi," and Damon who was able to come up huge as the ALCS wound down.

St. Louis, meanwhile, has MVP candidates in Pujols and Rolen, as well as studs in Edmonds and Larry Walker. Although all of these men will play huge roles, it could be the teams' bottom of the line-up hitters and pinch-hitters that play big roles in the runs department. It's almost a guarantee that there will be plenty of souvenir balls in home-run territory for both the fans of Boston and St. Louis.

It looks like this World Series will be one to remember, as it's very possible that it will be going seven games long. Both teams have clutch hitting and as the league championships showed, both teams have the ability to have some great pitching performances. Another interesting thing about this series is that a large majority of players are going for their first World Series ring, some of which have

been around the game for a long time, like Larry Walker. One thing is for sure, if either the Sox or the Cardinals fall two or three games behind, we know from our short-term memory that neither can be counted out in a seven-game series.

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XC: Men and women take second at Mason Dixons

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The SU cross country teams ran frequently at their home course at Winter Place Park for the Mason-Dixon Championships Saturday.

Both the men and the women worked hard to finish second out of five teams.

The men put forth a solid effort with some individual improvements. They competed very strongly on the 8-kilometer course with their top competitors, Christopher Newport University and Mary Washington College (both from Virginia), and that really helped them run fast to a second place finish with 38 points.

The other teams that they ran against were Methodist College (fifth with 145 points) and Catholic University of America (fourth with 126 points), in addition to Mary Washington College (third with 53 points) and Christopher Newport University, who narrowly won the meet with 36 points. The Seagulls came very close to beating the defending Conference

Championships, and they fought all the way.

"On the men's side, two points is a little tough to take, but the big prize, the CAC Championship is coming up and it's what we work for all year and I think we can achieve it," head coach Jim Jones said optimistically. Beating Mary Washington, their top contender for the CAC crown, was a huge confidence booster for the Sea Gulls.

The Sea Gulls had an impressive showing of all-State runners (those who finished in the top 15). Among them were senior Will Detwiler (15th with 26:35), junior Will Murdoch (13th with 26:31), Buck Stokes (12th with a personal best of 26:30), Daryl Lee (eighth with a personal best of 26:08), Catholic (fifth with 155 points), Catholic University of America (fourth with 126 points), in addition to Mary Washington College (third with 53 points) and Christopher Newport University, who narrowly won the meet with 36 points.

In addition, a couple of other men on the team who ran personal best times were junior Nick Loffer (25th with 27:15) and senior Bob Shawhan (32nd with 27:31). "It was a good day and it has been a good four years," Shawhan said. "I'm going to miss this place and the team. We didn't win, but we worked hard and I hope that we continue to work hard."

The number of Sea Gulls who made all-Conference is a testimony to seasons of dedication and improvement.

The women had their top six runners earn all-Conference Honors as well. Junior Amy Lang (15th with 23:31), freshman Zuzka O'Zwoldlikas (ninth with 23:12), freshman Laura Ulmer (seventh with 23:06), junior Lauren Bragg (sixth with 22:54), and freshman Casey McInerny (fifth with 22:54) were the Sea Gulls who earned all-Conference Honors as well. Junior Amy Lang (15th with 23:31), freshman Zuzka O'Zwoldlikas (ninth with 23:12), freshman Laura Ulmer (seventh with 23:06), junior Lauren Bragg (sixth with 22:54), and freshman Casey McInerny (fifth with 22:54) were the Sea Gulls who earned all-Conference Honors as well. Junior Amy Lang (15th with 23:31), freshman Zuzka O'Zwoldlikas (ninth with 23:12), freshman Laura Ulmer (seventh with 23:06), junior Lauren Bragg (sixth with 22:54), and freshman Casey McInerny (fifth with 22:54) were the Sea Gulls who earned all-Conference Honors as well. 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Women's Soccer Downs Notre Dame (MD) 2-0

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○○○ The women's soccer team continued their strong play on Saturday by shutting out the College of Notre Dame (MD) for a 2-0 victory and their fifth consecutive win.

○ The Lady Sea Gulls (8-6-2) dominated ball possession early getting off a lot of shots on the Gators' (8-6-1) net. However, Salisbury struggled to get the ball in the net between the Gators strong defense from freshman goal keeper Courtney Zgrageen, and a couple of bad breaks that included a breakaway in the fifth minute that went just wide right and the ball hitting the high cross bar two minutes later.

○ The Lady Sea Gulls finally got one from freshman midfielder Sharyn MacEwen when she took a

pass from freshman forward Kate Weaver and crossed a defender to get the shot off with 16:49 remaining in the first half.

○ "We focused a little more and were composed when one on one with the goalkeeper," Coach Jim Nestor said.

○ The second half proved to be the same as the Lady Sea Gulls continued to have problems scoring as a result of strong defense from Zgrageen and the Gators, resulting in more shots that went wide or over the net. The Lady Sea Gulls couldn't seem to put away the Gators until sophomore midfielder Natalie Day kicked in a pass from sophomore forward Sara Nickoles with 2:24 left on the game clock.

○ Salisbury dominated ball movement for almost the entire game, which resulted in many

scoring chances for the Lady Sea Gulls and very few for the Gators. Salisbury out shot Notre Dame (MD) 31-2. Whenever the ball was on Salisbury's side of field, the defense did not waste any time to get it downfield.

○ The victory for the Lady Sea Gulls didn't come without some unfortunate injuries. Senior back fielder Leanne Argue had to leave the game with 15:26 left with an injured right ankle. Salisbury also lost Day as she collided with Zgrageen when she scored in the winding minutes of the game.

○ "We try and play solid soccer and there's going to be contact," Nestor said.

○ Argue and Day are both question marks for Tuesday's regular season finale at Goucher. Tuesday's match will be the Lady Sea Gulls' final game to tweak everything up before



Photo by Peter Staubs.
Saturday's first round of the Capital Athletic Conference tournament at home against St. Mary's.

Volleyball Knocks Down St. Mary's For Another Victory

By Aaron Boker
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St. Mary's College became another victim against a hot Salisbury volleyball team that easily won 3-0 (30-18, 30-17, 30-24) Thursday night in the Lady Sea Gulls' regular season home finale. The win extends Salisbury's winning streak to eight games and keeps them tied for first in the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) standings.

The Lady Sea Gulls (20-11, 5-1) started dominating the Lady Sea

Hawks (6-14, 1-5) from the start of the first set, getting off to an early 7-0 lead. The closest St. Mary's would get in that set was 7-2, as they couldn't handle the Lady Sea Gulls' attacks thrown at them. The second set would prove to be the same thing for the Lady Sea Gulls as they would again get off

to a fast start with a 7-1 lead and never look back. The only change would be Salisbury's increasing tenacity from the crowd's enthusiasm.

St. Mary's tried to stage a late rally by keeping the third set close. The Lady Sea Gulls called a timeout with the score 18-16 to regroup and that would be all they needed. A kill from junior outside hitter Lou Ward set up by an assist from sophomore hitter Abbey Petrecca and a dig from junior setter Brittany Mister capped off a dominant victory.

"Our passing was outstanding and we came out at them at every angle," Coach Margie Knight said. "We were everywhere on the net pounding at them."

The Lady Sea Gull's sharp passing was led by Petrecca's 39 assists. Salisbury featured an attack that included 15 kills and 5 service aces from Mister. Freshman

outside hitter Lynn Cipollone and junior Lindsay Lawson also contributed 7 kills each.

The defense was led by an emotional Kim Rementer, who was playing her final regular-season home game. Rementer showed her emotion early in the first set. When it was Rementer's turn to serve, she held the ball in her hand and just stood there.

"I had tears in my eyes at the beginning of the game and I was trying to refocus," Rementer said. Rementer played her heart out, playing a physical game that included diving to get a couple of her eight digs.

The victory for Rementer and the Lady Sea Gulls shows they are more than ready for the CAC tournament, which starts on Nov. 2. A win in their conference finale at Catholic on Tuesday will give them home court for the first round.

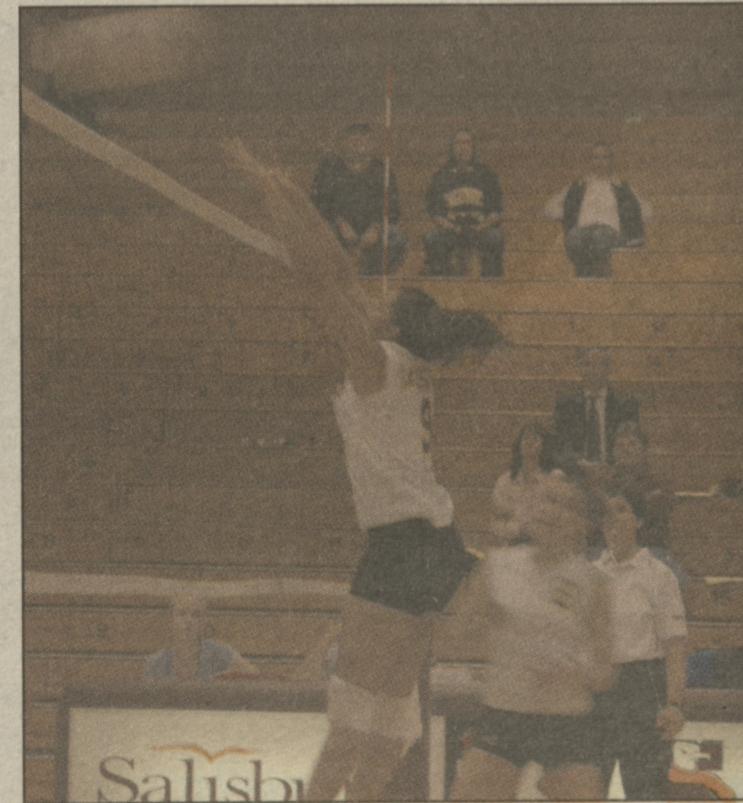


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